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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Scott D. Malpede on March 3, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification,

In the line immediately after the title, insert the following sentence,

--This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/JP00/01436, filed March 9, 2000, designated the United States, which claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 11-063859, filed March 10, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mariceli Santiago whose telephone number is (571) 272-2464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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